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The Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a UTILITY patent application for filing as identified below:

**Inventor(s):** ADRIAN STEINER and MIKE FREDRIC GROSSMAN

**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS TO CONTROL THE RATE  
OF FLOW OF A FLUID THROUGH A CONDUIT

**Drawings:** Four Sheets of Drawings Depicting Figures 1-4.

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Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Canadian Patent Application Serial No. 2450994 having a filing date of November 27, 2003.

Basic Fee -----\$ 385.00

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\_\_\_ Claims over 20 x \$9.00----\$

6 Claims over 20 x \$18.00-----\$108.00

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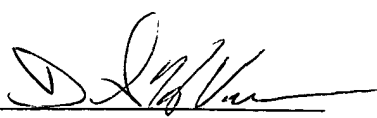
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Respectfully submitted,

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